ted by the father and other members of the family and severely beaten. A FIR was lodged by the principal with the police station Gwalior.

**Concessions available to Foreign Tourists**

3414. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have been from time to time encouraging the inflow of international tourist traffic to India;

(b) whether a number of concessional schemes are available for foreign tourists; if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that promotion of domestic tourism has not been encouraged by Government with the result that Indians are not aware of the places of tourist centres; and

(d) what steps are being taken to promote domestic tourism in the country and what steps are being taken to give travel concession on Indian Airlines to the Indian tourists?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government has made consistent and regular efforts to encourage the flow of international tourist traffic to India.

(b) Yes, Sir. A compelte list of concessions available for foreign tourists is attached. *(See* below).

(c) and (d) The promotion of domestic tourism has engaged the attention of Department of Tourism. For domestic tourists the Ministry of Tourism has been assisting State Governments in putting up Yatri Niwas and Yatrikas. Further special concessions are made available for construction of budget accommodation.

**Statement**

(i) The Summer Saving Scheme:— Department of Tourism alongwith Air India has launched a major campaign in the European Market to promote India in the summer months which are traditionally lean as "affordable India". Special packages have been brought out by Major travel trade wholesellers offering low cost packages during the summer months.

(ii) The Department of Tourism together with Jammu & Kashmir Tourism and Air India have launched a major world-wide campaign to promote Kashmir during the forthcoming summer season. Special Kashmir Promotion Seminars have been held in East Asia, South Asia, Japan, Europe and U.K. Indian Airlines offer a 10 per cent discounted return fare at US $ 90 Delhi-Srinagar-Delhi.

Indian Airlines offers following concession to the foreign tourists:—

(a) Discover India—US $ 400.

The Discover India fare is available on the domestic network of Indian Airlines for unlimited travel within 21 days of the start of the journey, provided no city is touched more than once except for purposes of transfers/ connections.

Travel is permitted year-round. Payment is to be made in foreign currency.

(b) IndiaWonderfares—US $ 200 each.

The India Wonderfare consists of four fares priced at US $ 200 each of which permits unlimited travel for one week within the North, South, East or West India regions. It gives year-round economy class travel between any cities in the region of

your choice provided you don't touch the same point more than once except for the purpose of transfers and connections. Payment is to be made in foreign currency.

(c) Youth Fare—25 per cent off

Those between the ages of 12 to 30 years are eligible for this discount. It is applicable on the domestic and Indo-Nepal sectors against US $ tariff. Travel is permitted year-round.

(d) South India—30 per cent off.

This discount is available against US $ tariff for individual travellers on specified South India Sectors of Madras, Tiruchirappali, Coimbatore, Trivandrum, Cochin, Bangalore, Madurai, when combined with Travel from either Sri Lanka or Maldives through the gateway points of Madras, Tiruchirappali, Trivandrum. It is also available for groups of 10 or more passengers on the sectors specified above, without the combination and gateway point requirements.

Indrail Passes

The Railways issue Ind-Rail passes for 7 to 90 days and also one day passes against payment in foreign exchange.

**Foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot**

3415. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines/Vayudoot during the last one year;

(b) whether the foreign exchange earned by these airlines is much less than the previous year; if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange earned by these airlines is not utilised for the procurement of sophisticated equipment used for the maintenances of the aircraft; and if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) Foreign exchange earned by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot in 1986-87 and 1987-88 is as follows:—

| | 1986-87 | 1987-88 |
|---|---|---|
| | (*Rs. in crores*) | |
| Indian Airlines . | 204.33 | 205.97 |
| Vayudoot . . | 0.12 | 0.30 |

Both Airlines have earned more foreign exchange during 1987-88 than 1986-87.

(c) There is no nexus between the foreign exchange earned and foreign exchange utilised for the procurement of equipment by the airlines. Foreign exchange required by Indian Airlines and Vayudoot for procurement of sophisticated equipment, etc. is released by Government from time to time on need basis.

**Pak proposal to reduce Troops and Arms by India and Pakistan**

3416. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SHEO KUMAR MISHRA:
SHRI B SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen a statement of Pakistan's Prime Minister Mrs. Benazir Bhutto made to a Calcutta weekly that she wants to persue her country's proposal made to India by General Zia four years ago